

Paripalli-Bhootakulam Trace.

213 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of improvement of the Paripalli-Bhootakulam trace into a cart road has been begun by the Public Works Department;

(b) whether budget allotment has been provided for the purpose;

(c) whether the construction of the combined dam and bridge near the temple at Ayiroor in Warkala has been completed;

(d) whether there is road on the other side of the bridge;

(e) whether the people have expressed their willingness to give the land free of compensation for the improvement of the ryots' road from the Warkala-Paripalli road to connect the Paripalli-Bhootakulam trace; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) is in the affirmative, the cause of the delay in taking over the land and handing it over to the Public Works Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) Land acquisition proceedings are in progress.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how long the acquisition proceedings are in progress?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): For about a year.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the proceedings are delayed like this?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The work of acquisition is done by the Revenue Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Revenue Department was asked to complete proceedings very early?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Revenue Department was asked to complete the proceedings and take over the land.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the Revenue Department is not attending to land acquisition properly, in the matter of road construction?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know when the proceedings in connection with the land acquisition were first taken up?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A year ago, as far as I know.